



DFIRS NEWS

Delaware Fire Incident Reporting System

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Status Report from the Program Manager

The July DFIRS goal of 74% statewide participation rate was met! With the remaining non-participating departments cooperation, the August goal of statewide participation rate of 77% can be achieved.

Number of Departments Not Participating Per County:

- New Castle County = 12 departments
- Kent County = 2 departments
- Sussex County = 2 departments

If your department is one of the remaining **16** departments not participating in the DFIRS program please contact Program Manager, Crystal Beach for assistance.

Incident Reporting Deadlines

All incidents are due within ten days after the end of the month in which the incident occurs. If at any time your department will not meet the required reporting deadline please notify DFIRS Program Manager, Crystal Beach.

There are many useful reports generated based on the monthly DFIRS incident data; therefore, it is very crucial that all departments report their incident information in a timely fashion.

Coding Tools

An Expanded Actions Taken Coding Guide and an Expanded Incident Type Coding Guide are two additional tools available to assist departments with properly coding incidents. These very useful guides are available in PDF format on the DFIRS website at: <http://www.delawarestatefiremarshal.com/dfirsinfo.htm>

If you have any questions regarding the use of these guides please do not hesitate to contact Program Manager, Crystal Beach for assistance.

Unique Coding Questions

A recent question received at the SFMO is, **“How do I record a plane crash that involved no fire?”**

Answer:

- Record the incident as incident type 462 – aircraft standby. If fire is involved at anytime during the incident the incident type code changes to incident type 135 – aircraft fire.

Another unique question posed is, **“What Property Use code do I use for a chicken processing plant?”**

Answer:

- Record the property use as code 700 – manufacturing, processing. If the incident occurred at an actual chicken house the property use code is 819 – livestock, poultry storage.

Congratulations!

The following departments are active electronic DFIRS participants:

1. Indian River Volunteer Fire Co
2. Lewes Fire Department Inc
3. Bethany Beach Fire Co
4. Little Creek Volunteer Fire Co
5. Elsmere Fire Co #1 Inc
6. Citizen's Hose Co #1 Inc
7. Volunteer Hose Co
8. Dover Robbins Hose Co #1 Inc
9. Cheswold Volunteer Fire Co
10. Carlisle Fire Co Inc
11. Dagsboro Fire Co
12. Frankford Volunteer Fire Co
13. Selbyville Volunteer Fire Co
14. Seaford Volunteer Fire Dept Inc
15. Roxana Volunteer Fire Co
16. Farmington Fire Co
17. Clayton Fire Co #1 Inc
18. Felton Community Fire Co
19. Wilmington Fire Dept
20. Greenwood Volunteer Fire Co
21. Camden-Wyoming Fire Co Inc
22. Magnolia Volunteer Fire Co Inc
23. Bowers Fire Co
24. Aetna Hose Hook & Ladder Co

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FEMA ANNOUNCES NEWEST GRANT AWARD RECIPIENTS

WASHINGTON DC- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Director Joe Allbaugh and United States Fire Administration (USFA) Administrator R. David Paulison announced today the next group of national Assistance for Firefighters Grant Award recipients. These 281 departments will receive approximately \$23M in support for their fire service programs and personnel. The USFA is a part of FEMA.

"The Assistance for Firefighters Grant Award program is an opportunity for this Nation to enhance the safety and services delivered by firefighters," according to USFA Administrator Paulison. "Already this year, 53 fire fighters have lost their lives in the performance of their jobs, and this program will hopefully encourage all Americans to join with FEMA in doing what is necessary to eliminate all fires, and protect the men and women of the fire service when they are called to respond to them."

The Assistance for Firefighters Grant Award will distribute \$360M through approximately 5500 grants before the end of 2002. Earlier this year a peer review panel of over 300 fire service personnel, evaluated approximately 19,500 applications from across the United States. This group of Assistance for Fire Fighters Program 2002 award recipients is now posted on the USFA web site at www.usfa.fema.gov/grants. These departments successfully completed this review. In this particular announcement the Assistance for Firefighters Grant Award program will provide grants for the purchase of approximately 75 new fire apparatus.

The Assistance for Firefighters Grant Program, authorized by Congress, will reach rural, urban and suburban fire departments, throughout the United States. A current list of all Assistance for Fire Fighters Program 2002 award recipients is posted on the USFA web site at www.usfa.fema.gov/grants. Future grant recipients will be posted as awards are made.

25. Laurel Fire Dept Inc
26. Millville Volunteer Fire Co
27. Leipsic Volunteer Fire Co
28. Five Points Fire Co
29. Houston Volunteer Fire Co
30. Rehoboth Beach Vol Fire Co
31. Delmar Fire Dept Inc
32. Georgetown Fire Co Inc
33. Ellendale Volunteer Fire Co
34. Harrington Fire Co Inc
35. Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Co
36. Delaware City Fire Co
37. Odessa Fire Co
38. Milton Fire Dept Inc
39. Blades Volunteer Fire Co
40. Port Penn Volunteer Fire Co
41. Gumboro Volunteer Fire Co
42. Marydel Volunteer Fire Co Inc
- 43. Hockessin Fire Co**
- 44. Townsend Fire Co**
- 45. Hartly Volunteer Fire Co**

Departments in bold indicate participation since last published newsletter.

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